में यांत्रिक सुविधाएं कब तक उपलब्ध करा दी जाएंगी और उनकी क्या मांगें रही हैं अथवा क्या अभी भी यह मामला विचाराधीन है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव): (क) हिन्दी को राजभाषा के रूप में विकसित करने तथा इसके प्रयोग को अधिक से अधिक बढ़ाने के लिए देवनागरी टाइपराइटर (साधारण के अतिरिक्त पिन पवाइन्ट, बुलेटिन, पोर्टेबल तथा इलैक्ट्रिक), द्विभाषी इलैक्ट्रानिक टाइपराइटर, द्विभाषी (देवनागरी, रोमन) कम्प्यूटर, बहुभाषी वर्ड प्रोसेसर देवनागरी टेलीप्रिंटर, देवनागरी पतालेखा मशीन जैसे उपकरण बाजार में उपलब्ध हैं।

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार के सभी मंत्रालयों/विभागों तथा सरकारी उपक्रमों को यह राय दी गई है कि वे अपने कार्यालयों के उपयोग के लिए द्विभाषी (देवनागरी, रोमन) इलैक्ट्रानिक उपकरण ही खरीदें। इलैक्ट्रानिक उपकरणों की खरीद तथा प्रावधान, संबंधित मंत्रालयों/विभागों तथा सरकारी उपक्रमों के द्वारा अपनी-अपनी आवश्यकताओं तथा वित्तीय स्थिति के अनुसार किया जाता है।

Closing of Vijayawada Passport Office

1321. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and location of passport offices, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to close the passport office at Vijayawada; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of passport applications pending at present in the passport offices in Andhra Pradesh and the steps being taken for their early disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) There are 20 Passport Offices and 2 Passport Liaison Offices in different states in addition to 2 passport offices manned by the Union Territories Administration of Goa, Daman and Diu and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

State-wise greak up of the Passport Offices is given below:

S. No.	State	Passport office/ passport Liaison Office
1	Andhra Pradesh	(i) Hyderabad (ii) Vijayawada (The Government has since closed it w.e.f. 1-5-1986).
2	Assam	Guwahati (Also serves States of Nagaland, Meghalaya & Manipur and the Union Territories of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram)
3	Bihar	Patna
4	Gujarat	Ahmedabad (Also serves the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli)
5	Himachal Pradesh	Simla (A Passport Liaison Office under the Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh).
6	Jammu and Kashmir	Srinagar
7	Karnataka	Bangalore
8	Kerala	(i) Cochin (Also serves the Union Territory of Lakshadweep). (ii) Kozhikode (Also serves Mahe District of Union Territory of Pondicherry). (iii) Trivandrum- P.L.O

Sl. No.	State	Passport Office/Passport Liaison Office
9	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
10	Maharashtra	Bombay
11	Orissa	Bhubaneswar
12	Punjab	(i) Chandigarh/Punjab except those Districts which are looked after by the Passport office Jalandhar/(Also serves States of Haryana & Himachal Pradesh and the Union Territor of Chandigarh).
		(ii) Jalandhar (Serves the District of Jalandhar Kapurthala, Hoshiarpur, Amritsar and Gurdaspur in the State or Punjab).
13	Rajasthan	Jaipur
14	Tamil Nadu	(i) Madras (Also serves the Union Territory of Pondicherry (excluding the districts served by Tiruchirappalli and District of Mahe in Pondicherry).
		(ii) Tiruchirappalli (Serves the District of Thanjavur Pudukottai, Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari in the State of Tamil Nadu.
15	Uttar Pradesh	(i) Lucknow
		(ii) Bareilly (Serves the District of Pilibhit, Shah-Jahanpur, Mainpuri Agra, Mathura, Aligarh Etah, Meerut, Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Nainital Bijnor, Muzaffarnagar, Saharanpur, Garhwal, Almora, Pithoragarh, Chamoli, Tehri-garhwal, Dehradun and Uttarkashi in the State of U.P.
16	West Bengal	Calcutta (also serves States of Tripura and Sikkim)
17	Union Territory of Delhi	Delhi
18	Union Territory of Goa, Daman & Diu	Panaji (manned by the Administration of the Union Territory).
19	Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Port Blair (manned by the Union Territory Administration.

(b) Yes, Sir. The office has since been closed w.e.f. 1-5-1986.

The reasons for closure of the office are:—

(i) The Passport Office, Vijayawada was opened on 8-10-1984. The receipt of passport applications during the last 18 months works out to an average of 1187 applications per month. This is far below the requirement for continuation of a passport office in a State. As per the norms fixed by the Staff Inspection Unit of the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, a Passport Issuing Authority must deal at least 3,000 passport applications per month. Thus the workload in the Passport Office in Vijayawada does not justify its continuation.

(ii) Moreover, with the introduction of computerisation, all Passport Offices will have to be linked with the national network and, therefore, if more than one Passport Office in a State is maintained, and that too without sufficient workload, computerisation will not be cost-effective.

(c) Passport applications pending as on 1-5-1986 in the Passport Offices in Andhra Pradesh are:—

(i) Vijayawada 3,941

(ii) Hyderabad 7,400

Steps taken for disposal of pending applications are:—

(i) Passports are issued within a week after receipt of clear Identity verification and security verification reports from the Police authorities.

(ii) Instructions have been given to the Passport Officer to issue short-term passports in respect of passport applications which are pending for over 6 months and in respect of which clear security verification reports have been received, but Identity verification reports are awaited.

(iii) The Passport Officer has been instructed to issue periodical reminders to the concerned State Police authorities to expedite return of passport verification forms.

Establishment of atomic reactor in Andhra Pradesh

1322. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish an atomic reactor in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) A final decision on the report of Site Selection Committee set up by the Department of Atomic Energy for selection of sites for locating future atomic power stations in the Southern Electricity Region, of which Andhra Pradesh is a constituent State, is yet to be taken by Government.

Grant of permission of import of SKD, CJD and other components to a local Delhi firm

1323. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed a local Delhi firm to import SKD/CJD/ substantial components to enable the firm to assemble thousands of black and white TV sets;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the firm has assembled the sets for sale by a public sector corporation; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government policy does not favour kit imports. Thus, import of all consumer goods in SKD condition and populated/loaded/stuffed Printed Circuit Boards are in Appendix 2, Part 'B' (List of Restricted items) of the Import and Export Policy 1985-88. Further, Appendix 3, Part 'A' (List of limited permissible items, raw material, components, consumables, tools and spares) of the Import policy, permits only limited quantities of kits/ sub-assemblies/modules etc; and this is essentially to facilitate initial understanding of the integration process, reverse engineering, etc. Import of discrete components is regulated in